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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

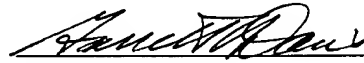
The enclosed patents were cited in Applicants' corresponding Chinese application, and a copy of a Notice on Official Action from the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China dated March 14, 2003 is enclosed.

CN 1232053a corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,310,156.

Since the enclosed patents were cited in Applicant's corresponding Chinese application not more than three months prior to the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, it is believed that no fee is required for consideration of these patents. However, the Examiner is

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